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Office Action Summary

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09/754,562

Applicant(s)

KREMER ET AL.

Examiner

Mark E. Wallerson

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-19 are pending.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement dated 12/10/2001 have been considered by the Examiner and is attached to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the marker" in line 6 of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hube (U.S. 5,337,161).

With respect to claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, Hube discloses a printing system for printing a document (figure 1), the printing system comprising: a job preparation station (6 and 7), including processor (25) and a memory (56), said job preparation station generating a flag (pages specified to be programmed as tab stock) stored in memory indicating that a selected page in a document to be printed contains a tab (column 7, lines 5-12 and column 8, lines 15-27), and said job preparation station including an input device (64 or 52) for a user to input the marker (text) and information to be rendered on said tab (column 7, lines 5-12); and a print output module (8) that receives the flag and information to be rendered on said tab and prints said information on said tab (column 8, lines 1-46).

With regard to claims 2, 7, 12, and 17, Hube discloses that the tab flag and tab information are stored as objects (column 7, lines 5-16 and column 8, lines 15-27).

With respect to claims 3, 8, 13, and 18, Hube discloses the objects are page objects (column 8, lines 15-27).

With regard to claims 5, 10, and 15, Hube discloses the tab sheet is created as an additional page to the document (column 7, lines 9-12).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 4, 9, 14, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hube in view of Neuhard et al (Neuhard) (U.S. 6,052,198).

With respect to claims 4, 9, 14, and 19, Hube differs from claims 4, 9, 14, and 19 in that he does not clearly disclose that the objects comprise PDF objects.

Neuhard discloses means for organizing files associated with a job ticket wherein the file item includes a PDF file (column 6, lines 8-16). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of obvious skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Hube wherein the file objects comprise PDF objects. It would have been obvious to one of obvious skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Hube by the teaching of Neuhard in order to obtain a variety of data files.

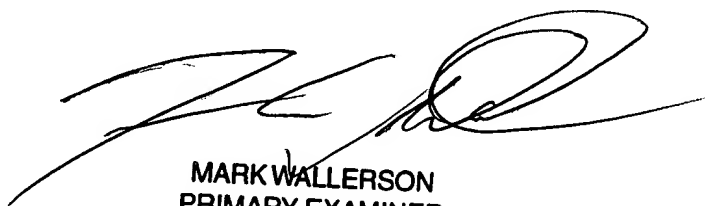
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7470. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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